

## BOND ISSUE FOR RECREATION BUILDINGS, SWIMMING POOL, FIRE STATIONS ON BALLOT

Torrance City Council Tuesday night adopted the necessary ordinance to place on the Aug. 20 ballot a \$1,550,000 bond issue covering seven propositions. They are: Trunk sanitary sewers, \$350,000; storm drains, \$95,000; fire stations and training tower, \$125,000; police station and municipal court building,

\$60,000; street improvements, \$400,000; recreation facilities, \$480,000; water main, \$400,000.

The ordinance, No. 370, was adopted after the council heard a protest from R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, in which he asked for certain reductions in the proposals.

The propositions going on the ballot provide for:

1. Trunk sanitary sewers: So. Torrance, \$25,000; Waleria, \$110,000; North Torrance, \$125,000; Hollywood Riviera, \$50,000; engineering and contingencies, \$40,000. Central Torrance already has sewers.

2. Storm drains: South Torrance, \$10,000; Central Torrance, \$75,000; engineering and contingencies, \$10,000.

3. Fire stations: Waleria, \$16,092; Central station, training tower, equipment, etc., \$108,908.

4. Remodeling present fire station and constructing annex, \$60,000.

5. Street and alley pavement: South Torrance, \$35,000; Waleria, \$23,000; Vista Highlands, \$82,000; North Torrance, \$50,000; Central district, \$192,000; engineering and contingencies, \$38,000.

6. Recreation facilities: Waleria recreation building, \$35,870; Central recreation building, \$269,375; Boy Scout caretaker's cottage, \$5,000; first unit, concrete ball stadium, \$56,107; swimming pool, \$60,000; showers, lockers and dressing rooms, \$11,648; illumination of Waleria playground, \$2,000.

7. Water trunk line to Hollywood Riviera, \$40,000.

It was pointed out that in many cases the bonds will be self-liquidating, and state funds will be available to supplement the sewer and street funds provided for in the bond issue.

The recreation buildings, including the ball park, swimming pool and other facilities will produce sufficient revenue to eliminate actual cost to the taxpayers, it was said.

Plomert, in his talk, asked that the sewer proposals be reduced to \$200,000, declaring that enough consideration had been given state aid and matching funds. He also urged a five-year overall comprehensive survey. (Continued on Page 3-A)

## Bike Licenses Must Be Bought Before July 31

Bike owners!

The new city ordinance requiring a license on bicycles is in effect, for your own protection against theft and to aid in identifying lost bikes.

The license costs you only 50 cents, and if you do not secure yours, you stand a chance of having your bike picked up by the police.

Register your bike before July 31," Chief of Police John Stroh said, "for your protection."

Stroh asked parents to see that their children do not delay in securing bike licenses.

## NEW TELEPHONE BUILDING, DIAL SYSTEM DUE FOR CITY IN BIG \$750,000 PROGRAM

The initial step in a \$750,000 program which will bring dial telephone service to Torrance has been taken with the purchase of four lots at the corner of Engracia and Cravens avenues, to be used for the construction of a new dial central office building. It was announced today by Floyd Y. Snyder, district manager of the Southern California Telephone Company.

Construction of the new building will start some time in 1948, according to present plans, and the dial cover will take place after central office switching equipment and attendant outside wires and cables are installed, Snyder said. It looks like late 1948 or early 1949 for the dial cover date, he added.

In the meantime the company is going ahead with a program now under way to provide adequate telephone service to Torrance, the manager stated. This program includes a recently completed central office installation in the telephone building at 1266 Sartori avenue, which is now being connected to new telephone lines. This installation will provide service for a good share of the 692 applicants now waiting for service.

But, the manager cautioned, not all applicants will receive telephones immediately as wires and cables will still be needed in some places and the recent central office installation will not provide sufficient facilities for all of the held orders.

However, there is another central office installation scheduled to start about the end of the year which should take care of all present held applications and allow some facilities for a limited expansion above that, he asserted. This project will add nine more switchboards to the cost of \$67,000. It will be installed in a new building addition scheduled to start construction in October and complete about the end of the year.

Three large cable placing jobs and many smaller ones are either under way or scheduled to start in the future to provide outside plant facilities to connect new telephones to the central office.

Snyder explained that dial service had been planned for an earlier date and might now even be in service except for the stoppage of manufacture of such equipment during the war years. Dial equipment is in great demand now and must be ordered long in advance of its actual placement in a central office. Cable is also very difficult to obtain as there is a serious shortage of lead used to cover and protect the cable, as well as a shortage of copper for wires.

The four lots, 20,000 square feet, were bought through B. C. Buxton, Torrance real estate agent.

The manager said that every effort is being made and will continue to be made so that Torrance may have adequate and efficient service.

## State Ordered To Make Water Rights Survey

A survey to determine rights of well owners in the west basin where the fresh water well supply is threatened by salt water seepage was ordered Monday by Superior Judge W. Turney Fox in Los Angeles.

The survey will be made by the state department of public works and was ordered as the result of an injunction suit brought against more than 900 defendants including several incorporated cities, major oil companies and other firms and individuals.

The court action to determine rights to underground water was inaugurated last year by the California Water Service Co., the Palos Verdes Water Co., and the City of Torrance.

As a result of Judge Fox's order, the water rights of all affected communities, companies, utilities and individuals will be determined and pumping limited. Shortages would be offset by use of outside supply such as that available to Torrance and some other cities from Metropolitan Water District.

Both sides in the dispute agree that water is being drawn from the more than 1000 wells in the area in such volume as to lower the level to a point where salt water seepage threatens to turn the wells into salt-water holes.

## ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF CHARTER-SCHOOL MOVEMENT VOICED THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

Reports of enthusiasm from throughout Torrance, over the prospects of forming the Torrance Unified School district by adoption of a City Charter on August 20, were voiced at the meeting of the charter committee Monday night in the City Hall.

## County Amends Waste Water Discharge Law

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, an amended ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday providing that all industries must secure permits for the discharge of industrial wastes in unincorporated territory within the county.

Darby, in explaining the action, said:

"Existing industries which are legally discharging their effluents into the Los Angeles bay shall automatically be granted a permit. The county engineer and the county health officer shall establish standards for the disposal of industrial wastes in county territory after conference with representatives of the affected industries."

"Periodic sampling and tests of industrial wastes and inspection of disposal facilities shall be made by the county engineer and the county health officer, and all contacts with public bodies on the subject of industrial waste disposal are centralized in the county engineer's office."

## CAR IS AWARDED TO RUTH BASCH AT LOCAL DANCE

Mrs. Ruth Basch, 2016 Gramercy ave., Torrance, was awarded a brand new 1946 Hudson sedan at the Veterans of Foreign Wars dance last Saturday night. The award was made at the Civic Auditorium by C. Earl Conner, commander of the local V.F.W. post. Mrs. Basch has lived in Torrance for several years.

## Former Torrance Police Officer And Wife Injured

Garrold Enfield, former police officer of Torrance, and his wife were seriously injured recently while en route to a vacation spot in Canada, according to word received here.

The report indicated the Enfields, who were riding a motorcycle, were struck when an automobile made a left turn in front of them near Healdsburg. Both were taken to the Healdsburg General hospital where Mrs. Enfield's condition was reported serious. She was said to have sustained multiple cuts and bruises, broken ribs and a broken leg. Enfield was later released from the hospital although he suffered cuts and abrasions about the arms and body.

Since leaving the police department here, Enfield has worked as a painter for the city. The couple live at 816 Cota ave.

## PROPERTY OWNERS PLEAD FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

A renewed request of property owners in the area bounded by Crenshaw blvd., Torrance blvd., Juniper st. and Monterey st. for formation of an assessment district to provide necessary streets, walks, curbs and lighting, was referred to City Attorney J. E. McCall and City Engineer G. M. Jain by the City Council Tuesday night.

A previous request resulted in a councilmanic directive to the city engineer to prepare estimates of cost, but in view of the fact that the estimates had not been presented, the council decided to ask the attorney and engineer to check into the matter.

## Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau		
TEMPERATURE		
July	Maxi-	Mini-
	mum	mum
1	76	61
2	77	61
3	73	59
4	72	57
5	74	55
6	77	59
7	74	59
8	77	59
9	74	59
PRECIPITATION		
Total (Year)	5.39	

Presided over by James Lynch, vice chairman of the committee acting in the absence from the city of Howard A. Wood, M.D., chairman, the meeting heard encouraging reports from Waleria and North Torrance, as well as the central part of the city.

One precinct in North Torrance and one in Waleria returned majorities, but not the required two-thirds, in favor of the big \$750,000 Los Angeles bond issue June 4, but it was reported at the meeting Monday night that residents of these areas see the wisdom of having their own locally controlled schools and are moving in favor of formation of the Torrance school district.

"The people of Torrance have expressed themselves in favor of control of their own schools by the people of Torrance," said Chairman Lynch said.

"We know that we have a majority in favor of the charter, but we want to make this the biggest majority possible by carrying over precinct, two, three, four or five to one.

"There is no opposition to the charter movement except that coming from the selfish interests controlled by the Los Angeles schools."

"Even Parent-Teacher Association leaders are rallying to the cause of operation of Torrance schools by the people of Torrance, in the interest of the children of Torrance."

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents Association, was named chairman of the precinct committee for the school-charter election, and many voluntary precinct workers assigned up for canvassing of voters.

"We are one of the wealthiest cities of Southern California," Lynch said, "and we can afford to have the finest schools in California. We are determined by these means to bring control of our schools to Torrance."

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## Questions & Answers About Your Schools

### VOTE "YES" ON CHARTER AUG. 20

(Editor's Note: From week to week, until election day, August 20, the Torrance Herald will print questions and answers on the subject of adoption of the City Charter which will result in formation of Torrance City School District and ultimately give the people of Torrance control over the schools of this city. Questions are invited that a full understanding of the entire subject may be had by the voters, and they will be answered with the aid of advice obtained from experts on school and municipal law.)

**QUESTION:** What will become of the present school buildings in Torrance, including the junior-senior high school, Waleria, Perry, Torrance and Fern avenue elementary plants, when Torrance Board of Education is formed and takes over the schools from Los Angeles?

**ANSWER:** They will be taken over by the Torrance school district, completely renovated and modernized, necessary additions constructed.

**QUESTION:** How much money will Los Angeles get from Torrance taxpayers in state school support based on average daily attendance in Torrance this coming school year?

**ANSWER:** We understand that a school tax rate by Los Angeles of approximately \$2.00 per \$100 assessed valuation is contemplated. While assessed valuation figures are not complete, this tax rate would raise approximately \$410,000. The elementary school support now is \$80 per pupil average daily attendance. This totals an estimated \$168,000. The high school support is based on \$90 per a. d. a. and this raises an estimated \$47,000. These figures total \$623,000 for one year.

**QUESTION:** How much does it cost Los Angeles to operate the Torrance schools?

**ANSWER:** These figures are very difficult to obtain, but through the assistance of taxpayers' organizations it is found that the Los Angeles schools spend only approximately \$350,000 to operate Torrance schools, for one year.

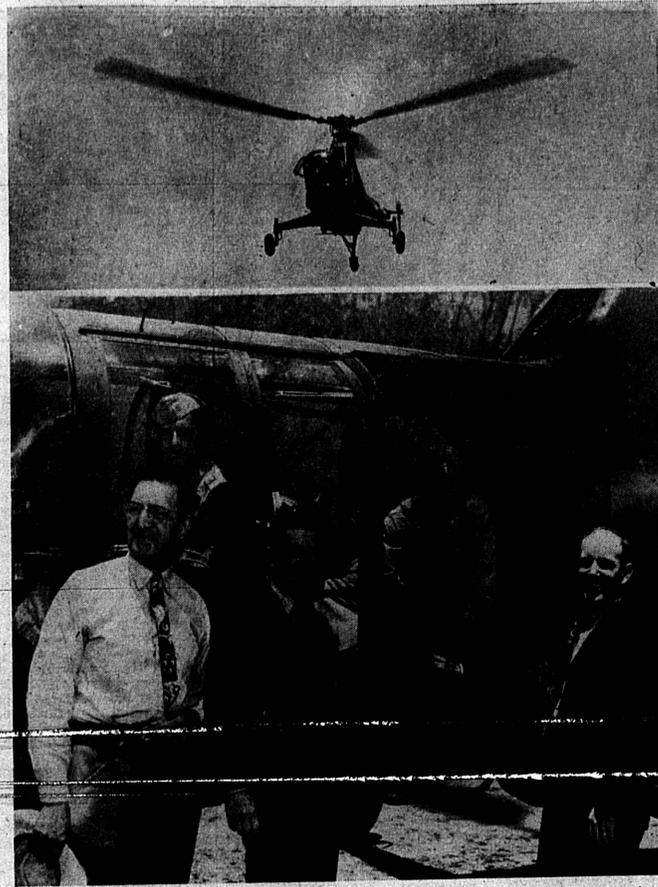
**QUESTION:** What becomes of the money that Los Angeles raises in or on behalf of Torrance schools over and above what is spent here?

**ANSWER:** This money goes into the Los Angeles city schools general fund and is spent in Los Angeles or other parts of the Los Angeles district.

**QUESTION:** Why does not Los Angeles spend all of the money raised in Torrance on the Torrance schools, to improve them, construct new buildings, etc.?

**ANSWER:** This is because the control of the Torrance schools lies in the hands of the Board of Education in Los Angeles, where no interest is shown in Torrance nor the needs of Torrance children other than to give them the bare education required by law. The money stays in Los Angeles.

**QUESTION:** If a student lives outside of Torrance, say in (Continued on Page 3-A)



HELICOPTER MAIL SERVICE FOR TORRANCE... Pictured above is the first helicopter plane to visit Torrance and deliver mail, arriving Monday at 12:20 p.m. on a small plot of ground just south of the National Supply Co. forge on Carson st. Below, receiving the pouch which includes valuable "first" covers are Assistant Postmaster Louis H. Deininger, left, Postmaster C. Earl Conner and Mail Superintendent George Hannan. Pilot of the 'copter is Lt. David Anderson and assistant, Lt. John E. De Blow. (Torrance Herald photos.)

## Torrance Visited Four Times Daily As Helicopter Mail Pickup Instituted

The Post Office department instituted schedules for the first carriage of air mail helicopter,

mail. If the tests show a favorable result, the department will recommend carriage of air mail by helicopters in the Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston areas. Within a year, it is estimated that helicopter air mail service would be extended to every metropolitan area.

Stamp collectors are showing a lively interest in obtaining first day cancellations, and copies were prepared for the original Torrance pickup.

Torrance is being visited twice daily with two pickups southbound at 6:35 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.; with northbound at 9:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Long Beach is the terminal of the route through Torrance, which starts at Lockheed airport, which starts at Lockheed airport.

On the coastal route the departure times on the two southbound trips daily are as follows: Lockheed, 5:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; North Hollywood, 5:36 a.m. and 11:06 a.m.; Van Nuys, 5:42 and 11:12; Beverly Hills, 5:52 and 11:22; Santa Monica-Venice, 6:00 and 11:30; Culver City, 6:08 and 11:38; Inglewood, 6:15 and 11:45; Manhattan Beach, 6:23 and 11:53; Hermosa Beach-Redondo Beach, 6:27 and 11:57; Torrance, 6:35 and 12:05; Wilmington, 6:41 and 12:11; San Pedro, 6:47 and 12:17; Long Beach (arrive) 6:55 and 12:25. Departure times on the return trips will be as follows: Long Beach, 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; San Pedro, 9:08 and 3:08; Wilmington, 9:14 and 3:14; Torrance, 9:20 and 3:20; Hermosa Beach-Redondo Beach, 9:28 and 3:28; Manhattan Beach, 9:32 and 3:32; Inglewood, 9:40 and 3:40; Culver City, 9:47 and 3:47; Santa Monica-Venice, 9:55 and 3:55; Beverly Hills, 10:03 and 4:03; Van Nuys, 10:13 and 4:13; North Hollywood, 10:19 and 4:19; Lockheed (arrive) 10:25 and 4:25.

Pilots of the first helicopter to land in Torrance Monday were Lt. David Anderson and Lt. John E. De Blow Jr. Capt. Campbell Y. Jackson is commanding officer of the group in charge of the army helicopters in mail service, and the experiment is being conducted under direction of M. H. "Dixie" Ackerman, one of the first air mail pilots, who is inspector in charge of the project in this area.

They made the landing without difficulty on the small 100 foot by 100 foot square marked out for them, and while the first landing resulted in considerable dust, City Street Superintendent Perkins wet the landing area little dust.

The helicopter takes only a few seconds to land, transfer the mail and take off.

## Hughes' Plane Hits De Camp Home In Crash

Mrs. Margaret De Camp, mother of Mrs. John Shidler, narrowly escaped death Sunday night at her home in Beverly Hills when an experimental plane piloted by Howard Hughes, wealthy movie producer and plane manufacturer, crashed into her garage shortly after she had parked her car there.

The right wing of the plane then plunged into the second floor of her home, she said, where her son, Jerry, and his wife were changing clothes after a trip to the beach. The wing of the plane, Judge Shidler explained here, struck with such force into the corner of the home that it shattered a corner timber, driving it the length of the bedroom.

The three-car garage was damaged, he said, as were the two cars parked within. No fire was started in either the home nor garage, but considerable damage was done to Mrs. De Camp's residence, the judge revealed. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry De Camp had on the day previous shipped their furniture, which had been stored in the path of the fatal XF-11, to Palo Alto where De Camp plans to enter Stanford University.

The judge and his actress wife, known in the movies as Rosemary De Camp, live at 317 Camino De Los Colinas, Torrance.

## Officers To Be Installed Tonight In Local 1414

James G. Thimmes, recently promoted to vice president of the C.I.O. International Union after long service as district director, will install officers elected to the United Steel Workers local 1414 C.I.O. tonight, according to an announcement.

Elected to serve for the forthcoming year are Alex McJannet, president; J. J. Gallyer, vice president; Luke Nicol, recording secretary; Donald Wald, financial secretary; Edwin S. Morang Jr., treasurer; Elder Greenlee, guide; A. L. Elder and Angel Molinar, guards; Frank Smith, Nick Drale and Walter Ricker, trustees.

Elected to the grievance committee are Alex McJannet, Thomas S. S. Wagner, James Blaine, Joe Cipres and Nick Drale.

## Three-Car Crash Here Injures Redondo Woman

A three-car collision early yesterday morning at the intersection of Redondo Beach blvd. and Prairie ave. resulted in the injury of Miss Phyllis M. Rogers, 32, of Redondo Beach. She was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital after her auto crashed into a telephone pole following the mishap.

Sheriff's deputies reported Miss Rogers' car struck the pole with such force that it dislodged the "North Torrance" neon sign which was suspended above the intersection. The other two cars involved in the accident are said to be driven by Frank C. Wood, Quinn, 46, also of Inglewood.

Witnesses said that more than 100 young sparrows in their nests were routed when the large sign fell to the pavement.

A doctor at the hospital said that Miss Rogers suffered abrasions about the body and head, laceration of the left arm and several broken ribs.

## COUNTY HOSPITAL HERE ADDED TO CHARITIES BUREAU

Inasmuch as plans contemplate the opening of the Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital under the Department of Charities at Torrance within a few days, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting authorized an amendment to the administrative code, on motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, so as to include a new branch of the General Hospital of the Bureau of Hospitals of the Department of Charities.